

Minutes

Standards, Learning, and Accountability (SLA) Committee Meeting

Date

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Time

10:00 a.m.

Location

**Room 806, Rutledge Building
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201**

Dr. Sharon Wall, Chair

***Dr. Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent for College and Career Readiness and
Staff Liaison to the Committee***

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I Welcome and Determination of a Quorum

Dr. Sharon Wall, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. A quorum was present.

Standards, Learning, and Accountability Committee (SLA) members in attendance were David F. Whittemore, Jr., Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, and Dr. Ivan Randolph, Eighth Judicial Circuit, appointed by Board Chair Michael Brenan as a voting member for the May 11 SLA meeting. Other Board members in attendance were Mike Brennan, Board Chair, and Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit.

SLA committee member absent was Jeff Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were Julie Gore Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Barbara A. Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Sheila Quinn, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Anne Pressley, Director, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness; Ruta Couet, Education Associate, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness; Carrie Ann Power, Education Associate, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness; Susan Creighton, Education Associate, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and

Effectiveness; Anne Mruz, Education Associate, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Judy Hair, Administrative Assistant, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Marlene Sellars, Program Assistant, Office of Special Education Services, Division of College and Career Readiness; and Crystal Dennis, Minutes Taker, Division of College and Career Readiness.

II. Recognition of Visitors, Including News Media

Chair Wall welcomed the following visitors to the SLA Committee meeting: Sue Rawls, HMH Riverside Publishing; Roger Smith, South Carolina Education Association; Ellis Tesh, Northwest Evaluation; and Robbie Woody, Curriculum Association. There were no news media in attendance.

III. Approval of Committee Minutes for November 10, 2015 and April 12, 2016

Chair Wall asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SLA meetings held on November 10, 2015, and April 12, 2016, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for May 11, 2016

Chair Wall asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SLA meeting on May 11, 2016, as presented. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

V. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

VI. Board Items

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. 2016 South Carolina Standard for American Sign Language Proficiency—Second Reading—Ruta Couet, Education Associate, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness.**

Ruta Couet provided a cyclical review of the currently adopted academic standards in the areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, health, physical education, world languages, and the visual and performing arts. Ms. Couet reported on the results of the field review survey and provided the percentages on who responded to

the survey and their role in education. Ms. Couet also reported on the grade spans represented in the survey. The results of the survey showed an average of 85 percent agreed or strongly agreed with the American Sign Language standards.

The motion was approved for Second Reading.

This item was approved in committee.

FOR INFORMATION

02. Adoption List of Formative Assessments—Susan Creighton, Education Associate, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness.

Ms. Creighton reported that 14 test publishers submitted products to be considered for the adoption list. The evaluation panel reviewed the products but did not approve any new products to be added to the three products currently on the adoption list.

Ms. Creighton's report included the alignment results of the submissions to that of the SC College- and Career-Ready Standards. Two committees of curriculum specialists aligned the items. The results of the alignment study shows Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) and Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) items are very closely aligned with our College- and Career-Ready Standards. The results will be posted to the SCDE's web-site on the Adoption List of Formative Assessments web page. Districts will have the opportunity to look at the alignment and make an informed decision on using these tests.

03. Update on Statewide Assessment Programs—Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness.

Ms. Jones provided an update on the SC READY and SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS) testing, end-of-course standards, scores, and measurements.

SC READY administration and online testing went well. There were some issues that will be addressed with additional teacher training. Another concern was regarding accommodations for students with disabilities. A validity study will be done the second week of June to determine if those accommodations can be made in future years. The process for cut scores will need to be determined. End-of-course testing has new standards for federal accountability.

VII. Consent Agenda

There were no items to be placed on the Consent Agenda for the Full Board.

VIII. Other Business

There was no other business.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.